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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you read the definition of premeditation from the amendment, then read mine, and you don't have to read them aloud, and see if you think what I'm offering weakens that definition as it exists now.

SENATOR BOURNE: The definition as it reads in AM2336 says, "Premeditation means a design formed to do something before it is done; and", and your amendment would say, "Premeditation means an intent formed to commit an act before such act is committed before it is done;".

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I would remove all the language. Mine is supposed to remove all language after "means".

SENATOR BOURNE: Oh, I didn't read it to take it to mean that, but that's how it should be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I probably didn't draft it clearly.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. If your...if your language is "Premeditation means an intent formed to commit an act before such act is committed; and", then go on and define unborn child, I don't think that that's a bad amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, and to the...to the desk, I would like to point out that when I was drafting my amendment what I should have said was strike all language after "means" through the word "done" in line 13. So is there somebody at the desk who can listen to me? Mr. Clerk. I want to state how I intended this amendment to be drafted. It...I should have drafted it to say in line 12 strike all language after "means" through the word "done" in line 13.

CLERK: "Done" as in d-o-n-e, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, d-o-n-e. That's...that's on the next line. I'm glad Senator Bourne read it aloud because the way I put it on the desk it wasn't clear that that language was also to be stricken.

CLERK: May I read it back to you just so...